

Response
Application No. 09/050,113
Attorney Docket No. 980446

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 12 and 14 – 34 are pending in the present application, of which claims 15 – 34 have been previously withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 27, 2006

Allowable Subject Matter:

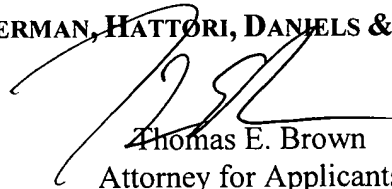
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 12 and 14 have been allowed. Further, as noted above, claims 1 and 4 have been canceled, and claims 15-34 have been withdrawn from consideration. As such, it is submitted that all the remaining pending and considered claims 12 and 14 have been allowed and therefore the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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